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SUBJ: REQUEST FROM CHILEAN ARMED FORCES FOR SPECIAL FORCES
TRAINING

REF: A. SANTIAGO 4584 B. SANTIAGO 4677 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: TWO MEMBERS OF MILITARY JUNTA HAVE NOW STRESSED TO ME IMPORTANCE TO GOC OF OUR BEING RESPONSIVE TO THEIR PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR COUNTER INSURGENCY AND SPECIAL FORCES TRAINING. I HAVE RESPONDED TO LEIGH THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US IF GOC WOULD MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS AT THIS TIME THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. END SUMMARY.

2. REF A REPORTED A REQUEST FROM THE CHILEAN ARMY TO BRING THREE US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES OFFICERS TO CHILE FOR 120 DAYS TO TRAIN CHILEAN ARMY FORCES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF SPECIAL FORCES AND ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS. REF A ALSO REPORTED THAT THE FACH WAS INTERESTED IN SIMILAR TRAINING IN PANAMA IN ORDER TO COPE WITH URBAN GUERRILLAS. WE SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT CHILEAN NAVY HAS SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS.

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3. WHEN JUNTA PRESIDENT PINOCHET PHONED ME EVENING OCT 4 TO

SEEK ASSISTANCE RE PROTECTION FOR FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA DURING

HIS VISIT TO THE US, HE ALSO MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REQUESTED TRAINING REPORTED IN REFS (A) AND (B).

4. AT MY LUNCHEON FOR HEITMANN ON OCT 5, JUNTA MEMBER LEIGH ALSO RAISED THE SAME ISSUE AND INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SPECIAL FORCES TRAINING IN PANAMA (AS ALTERNATIVE TO BRINGING US ARMY INSTRUCTORS DOWN FROM PANAMA). I TOLD GENERAL LEIGH THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR US, AT THIS TIME, IF GOC COULD MEET ITS NEEDS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, E.G., URUGUAY. GENERAL LEIGH SAID GOC HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH URUGUAYAN FREINDS.
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